

**House File 2394 - Introduced**

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BY PETTENGILL

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the purposes for which physical plant and  
2 equipment levy revenue and certain related revenues may be  
3 utilized, and including applicability provisions.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 298.3, subsection 1, paragraphs f and g,  
2 Code Supplement 2009, are amended to read as follows:

3 *f.* Repairing, remodeling, reconstructing, improving,  
4 maintaining, or expanding the schoolhouses or buildings and  
5 additions to existing schoolhouses. For the purpose of this  
6 paragraph:

7 (1) "*Repairing*" means restoring an existing structure or  
8 thing to its original condition, as near as may be, after  
9 decay, waste, injury, or partial destruction, ~~but does not~~  
10 ~~include maintenance.~~

11 (2) "*Reconstructing*" means rebuilding or restoring as an  
12 entity a thing which was lost or destroyed.

13 *g.* (1) Expenditures for energy conservation, including  
14 payments made pursuant to a guarantee furnished by a school  
15 district entering into a financing agreement for energy  
16 management improvements, limited to agreements pursuant to  
17 section 473.19, 473.20, or 473.20A.

18 (2) The costs of utilities.

19 Sec. 2. Section 298.3, subsection 1, Code Supplement 2009,  
20 is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

21 NEW PARAGRAPH. *n.* The salaries or service contract costs  
22 for maintenance staff.

23 Sec. 3. Section 298.3, subsection 4, Code Supplement 2009,  
24 is amended to read as follows:

25 4. Revenue from the regular and voter-approved physical  
26 plant and equipment levies shall not be expended for school  
27 district employee salaries or travel expenses, except as  
28 provided in subsection 1, paragraph "n"; supplies~~;~~ printing  
29 costs~~;~~ ~~or~~ media services~~;~~ or for any other purpose not  
30 expressly authorized in this section.

31 Sec. 4. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to physical plant  
32 and equipment levies imposed on or after the effective date of  
33 this Act and to expenditures made from the secure an advanced  
34 vision for education fund under chapter 423F on or after the  
1 effective date of this Act for the purpose of reducing the

2 physical plant and equipment levy.

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EXPLANATION

4 This bill relates to the purposes for which physical plant  
5 and equipment levy (PPEL) revenue may be utilized. The bill  
6 provides that maintenance costs and utilities costs shall now  
7 be covered expenses. The bill also allows the salaries or  
8 service contract costs of maintenance staff to be paid from  
9 PPEL revenues.

10 The bill is applicable to physical plant and equipment  
11 levies imposed on or after the bill's effective date, and  
12 because Code chapter 423F includes the "school infrastructure"  
13 purposes also authorized for the physical plant and equipment  
14 levy, the bill is also applicable to expenditures made from  
15 the secure an advanced vision for education fund on or after  
16 the effective date of the bill for purposes of reducing the  
17 physical plant and equipment levy.